What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for graphically representing interactions

2 between units within an organization, which comprises:

3   providing a graphical object corresponding to each

4 unit;

5   positioning said graphical objects to correspond to

6 the relative positions of the units within the

7 organizational hierarchy;

8   varying graphical properties of said graphical objects

9 to correspond to preselected attributes of the units; and

10   displaying on a display screen said graphical objects

11 and interactions between the units represented by said

12 graphical objects.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said preselected

2 attributes of the units includes degree of interactions of

3 members constituting each unit.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said graphical

2 properties of said graphical objects varied includes size

3 of said graphical objects and color of said graphical

4 objects.

1 4. The method of claim 1, which further comprises

2 providing for user selection of a portion of said display

3 screen such that only those graphical objects within said

4 user selected portion of said display screen are displayed.

1 5. A method for graphically representing interactions

2 between members within a unit of an organization, which

3 comprises:

4   providing a graphical object corresponding to each

5 member of the unit;

6   positioning said graphical objects to correspond to

7 the relative positions of the members within the unit

8 hierarchy;

9   varying graphical properties of said graphical objects

10 to correspond to preselected attributes of the members;

11   displaying on a display screen said graphical objects

12 and interactions between the members represented by said

13 graphical objects; and

14   displaying on said display screen other related units

15 within the organization.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said graphical

2 properties of said graphical objects varied includes size

3 of said graphical objects and color of said graphical

4 objects.

1   7.   The method of claim 5, which further comprises

2   providing for user selection of a portion of said display

3   screen such that only those graphical objects within said

4   user selected portion of said display screen are displayed.

1   8.   The method of claim 5, which further comprises

2   allowing for user selection of one of said other related

3   units such that interactions between members of said

4   selected unit is graphically represented.

1   9.   A method for graphically representing interactions

2   between a member and other members within an organization,

3   which comprises:

4   providing graphical objects corresponding to the

5   interacting members;

6   varying graphical properties of said graphical objects

7   to correspond to preselected attributes of the members;

8   displaying on a display screen said graphical objects;

9   and

10   displaying on said display screen direct interactions

11   between the members and indirect interactions between the

12   members to a preselected depth level.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, wherein said graphical

2   properties of said graphical objects varied includes size

3   of said graphical objects and color of said graphical

4   objects.

1   11.   The method of claim 9, which further comprises

2   providing for user selection of a portion of said display

3   screen such that only those graphical objects within said

4   user selected portion of said display screen are displayed.

1   12.   The method of claim 9, wherein said preselected depth

2   level may be user selected.

1   13.   A method for graphically representing interactions

2   between hypothetical units within an organization, which

3   comprises:

4   forming the hypothetical units based on analysis of

5   interaction data between members of actual units within the

6   organization;

7   providing a graphical object corresponding to each

8   hypothetical unit;

9   varying graphical properties of said graphical objects

10 to correspond to preselected attributes of the hypothetical

11 units; and

12   displaying on a display screen said graphical objects

13   and interactions between the hypothetical units represented

14   by said graphical objects.

1   14.   The method of claim 13, wherein said graphical

2   properties of said graphical objects varied includes size

3   of said graphical objects and color of said graphical

4   objects.

1   15.   The method of claim 14, wherein each said graphical

2   object displays the actual units within the organization

3   whose members form the corresponding hypothetical unit.

1   16.   A method for graphically representing interactions

2   between members of units within an organization, which

3   comprises:

4   providing graphical objects corresponding to the

5   members;

6   positioning said graphical objects such that the

7   members of each unit are clustered together;

8   varying graphical properties of said graphical objects

9   based on connectivity and diversity measures of the

10   corresponding members; and

11   displaying on a display screen said graphical objects.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein said graphical

2 properties of said graphical objects varied includes size

3 of said graphical objects and color of said graphical

4 objects.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said size of said

2 graphical objects is based on the connectivity measure and

3 said color of said graphical objects is based on the

4 diversity measure.